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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

[USCG-1999-5126]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Coast Guard has submitted an information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for emergency processing, review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act. The ICR concerns a national recreational boating survey. OMB approval of the ICR has been requested by February 26, 1999.

**DATES:** Comments must be reach the Coast Guard on or before April 26, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** You may mail comments to the Docket Management Facility, (USCG-1999-5126), U.S. Department of Transportation, room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001, or deliver them to room PL-401, located on the Plaza Level of the Nassif Building at the same address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

The Docket Management Facility maintains the public docket for this document. Comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room PL-401, located on the Plaza Level of the Nassif Building at the same address between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also access this docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>. Copies of the complete Information Collection Request are available through this docket Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov> and also from Commandant (G-SII-2), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, room 6106, (Attn: Barbara Davis), 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. The telephone number is 202-267-2326.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Barbara Davis, Office of Information Management, 202-267-2326, for questions on this document. Should

there be questions on the docket, contact Dorothy Walker, Chief, Documentary Services Division, U.S. Department of Transportation, 202-366-9330.

#### Request for Comments

The Coast Guard encourages interested persons to submit written comments. Persons submitting comments should include their names and addresses, identify this document (USCG-1999-5126) and the specific Information Collection (ICR) to which each comment applies, and give the reason(s) for each comment. Please submit all comments and attachments in an unbound format no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. Persons wanting acknowledgment of receipt of comments should enclose stamped, self-addressed postcards or envelopes.

#### Information Collection Requests

1. *Title:* National Recreational Boating Survey.

*OMB Control Number:* 2115-new.

*Summary:* The goal of the National Recreational Boating Survey is to obtain information on boating practices, safety, and exposure. This information will enable boating safety officials to assess boating risks and implement appropriate safety intervention strategies. It will also provide means to measure program effectiveness in reducing the number of fatalities, injuries and the amount of property damage associated with the use of recreational boats.

*Need:* In compliance with the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) of 1993, the National Recreation Boating Survey will provided data needed to: (a) link the effectiveness of Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) Program activities (awareness, education, standards and regulations) to reductions in a person's risk of experiencing a boating incident resulting in fatalities, injuries or property damages; (b) enhance the Coast Guard's ability to identify and satisfy vital customer needs; (c) improve program effectiveness by implementing well-defined program goals; and (d) enhance administration and congressional policymaking, spending decisions, and program oversight using the best performance measures and safety indicators.

*Respondents:* Owners and operators of recreational boats in 1998.

*Frequency:* Every two—three years.

*Burden Estimate:* The estimated burden is 3,926 hours annually.

Dated: February 19, 1999.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33706]

#### Illinois Railnet, Inc.—Acquisition and Operation Exemption—The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company

On January 8, 1999, Illinois Railnet, Inc. (IR), a Class III rail carrier,<sup>1</sup> filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire and operate approximately 23.5-miles of rail line that is currently owned and operated by The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF). The line, known as the "Rockford Subdivision," runs between milepost 0.29 north of Flag Center, IL, and milepost 23.79 at Rockford, IL.<sup>2</sup>

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or after January 15, 1999.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke does not automatically stay the transaction.<sup>3</sup>

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33706, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on counsel for IR: Robert A. Wimbish, REA, CROSS & AUCHINCLOSS, Suite 420, 1920 N Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036.

Board decisions and notices are available on our website at "WWW.STB.DOT.GOV."

Decided: February 18, 1999.

<sup>1</sup> IR certifies that its annual revenues, including those expected to be derived from the line that is the subject of this notice, will not exceed \$5 million.

<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to a pre-existing agreement with BNSF, I&M Rail Link (IMRL) possesses trackage rights over a portion of the line between milepost 11.69 at Davis Junction, IL, and milepost 23.79 at Rockford, IL. As a result of the instant transaction, IR will assume BNSF's rights and obligations under its trackage rights agreement with IMRL, and IMRL will retain its trackage rights.

<sup>3</sup> By decision served on January 14, 1999, the Board denied a petition to stay the effectiveness of the notice in this proceeding.